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Hi! My name is Brittney Gutierrez and I am entering my senior year at Milpitas High School. I have played softball for the past 13 years of my life and my lifelong dream is to play in college. I recently made the 18U gold Strickers team, which is considered to be the best program in northern California. The San Jose Strickers fast pitch softball team is a non-profit organization founded in 1982 by Mr. Charles Miguel for the sole purpose of showcasing the best softball talent in Northern California to college coaches and scouts seeking to sign players with athletic scholarships. The Strickers 18 and under Gold team plays in the most prestigious tournaments in the western states to provide that exposure for those outstanding young women.

The approximate cost to play this fall season will be \$1,000. Any donation that your organization could give to me will be greatly appreciated and will put me that much closer to my dream. This cost includes lodging, administration, tournament fees, equipment, supplies, uniforms, insurance and field usage.

My long-term goal is to receive an academic and athletic scholarship. Over the past three years I have won different awards not only for softball but for both volleyball and basketball as well. As a freshman I received the Varsity softball "Rookie of the Year" award. As a sophomore I received the Varsity softball "Offensive MVP" and All League honors. I also won the "Will to win" athlete for JV basketball and "MVP" for JV volleyball. As a junior I received All League honors for Varsity softball and the "Bill Bebout Memorial Athletic Award" for the most dedicated junior female athlete at Milpitas High School.

The first \$500 installment is due in two weeks. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for possibly considering assisting me to reach my goal.

Thank you,

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